Contribution of Punjab to Central Pool of Foodgrains

1264. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of Punjab to the central pool of foodgrains during the last five years;

(b) the details of contribution made by the other States to the central pool of foodgrains; and

(c) the details of foodgrains, rice allotted to the States during this period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Statements showing the Statewise contribution of Rice and Wheat for Central Pool during the years 1992-93 to 1996-97 are given in Annexure I & II respectively. *[See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 32]

(c) Statements showing state-wise allotment of Rice and Wheat during the years 1992-93 to 1996-97 are given at Annexure *[See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 33].

Only Sugar to be Supplied to Affluent Section under PDS

1265. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to provide adequate quantities of rice and wheat to persons living below poverty line, Government have decided to restrict public distribution supplies to affluent sections only to sugar;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in that directions; and

(c) whether the middle-economic strata of society is likely to be deprived of their due quota and hit hard under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir." Under the Targeted Public Distribution System persons living below poverty line will be provided 10 kg. of foodgrains per family per month at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices. However, foodgrains will also be provided under PDS to Above Poverty Line (APL) population at the Central Issue Prices fixed for APL families.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Procurement of Rice during the Kharif season commencing from October, 1997

1266. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of rice proposed to be procured by different State Governments during the Kharif season commencing from October, 1997;

(b) the monthly need of rice of each State for public distribution; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) It is pre-mature to indicate at this stage the estimates of procurement of rice for the Kharif Marketing season 1997-98.

(b) and (c) Allocation of rice and wheat to various States/UTs is being made under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997. The requirement of foodgrains for Below Poverty Line (BPL) population has been worked out so as to provide 10 Kgs. of foodgrains per family per month. Transitory allocation of foodgrains is also

made to States/UTs to meet the j requirement of Above Poverty Line (APL) population which has been fixed on the basis of last Ten Years Average Lifting minus the requirement of foodgrains assessed for BPL population. The additional allocation of foodgrains if demanded by any State/UT over and above its TPDS quotas, will be made at Economic Cost and subject to availability. A statement Showing BPL, APL and Additional quota of rice under TPDS made to various States/UTs for September, 1997 is attached Annexure. *[See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 34].

Trouble in FCI Over Salary Disparities

1267. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Asian Age dated the 25th June, 1997 captioned "Trouble brewing at FCI over salary disparities";

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to remove the said disparity and form a uniform level to enable the Corporation to attain the goal of internal cost reduction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Food Corporation of India have informed that the news item does not give a correct picture. All benefits as per the Govt, of India instructions are extended to the absorbed employees of the Food Corporation of India. The managerial level employees are either getting Central Dearness Allowance or Industrial Dearness Allowance, and not both. There has been no extra expenditure, as contended in the news j item. As per the policy guidelines the j employees were given option to opt for | either IDA pattern or CDA pattern. However, all the new recruits are regulated under IDA pattern only.

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1268. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी** : क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विगत में गेहूं के निर्यातकों को लेवी गेहूं पर दी गई रियायत का ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने गेहूं के निर्यातकों को रियायत देना बंद कर दिया हैं;

(ग) लेवी संबंधी विनिर्देशन पुनः लागू करने के क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) इससे सार्वजानिक वितरण प्रणाली नेटवर्क को कितनी मदद मिलेगी;

(ङ) क्या कांडला पत्तन पर भारी मात्रा में निर्यात किए जाने वाला गेहूं सड़ रहा हैं; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह) : (क) से (च) गेहूं पर कोई लेवी नहीं हैं और इसलिए लेवी के संदर्भ में गेहूं निर्यातकों को रियायत देने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

केन्द्रीय पुल में गेहूं का कम स्टाक होने के कारण सरकार ने 08.01.1997 से गेहूं और गेहूं के उत्पादों का निर्यात करने पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है और यह प्रतिबंध वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान भी लगा रहेगा।

Foodgrains for Melghat Tribals being Siphoned Off

1269. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the report in the Indian